THE LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTIVITY

1. Introduction.

a. This lesson is designed to introduce the student to the Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA). The mission of LOGSA is to provide logistics information and management support to the Department of the Army and other services in broad areas of logistics mission readiness and assistance; acquisition and integrated logistics support; packaging, storage, and containerization policy and procedures; and Army cataloging policy, operation, data management, and distribution.

b. The U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) LOGSA, formed at Redstone Arsenal, AL in March 1993 in response to direction received from the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Acts of 1989 and 1991, Defense Management Report Decisions (DMRD), and management decisions made by AMC. LOGSA consolidates five Separate Reporting Activities (SRA) under the AMC Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (DCSLOG) into a single SRA as directed under DMRD 927D. The five SRA's consolidated into LOGSA are:

(1) Materiel Readiness Support Activity (MRSA), Lexington, KY.

(2) Logistics Control Activity (LCA), Presidio of San Francisco, CA.

(3) Logistics Assistance Program Activity (LAPA), Alexandria, VA.

(4) Packaging, Storage, and Container-ization Center (PSCC), Tobyhanna, PA.

(5) Catalog Data Activity (CDA), New Cumberland, PA.

Additionally, the catalog mission and personnel from the AMC major subordinate commands were transferred to LOGSA effective 1 October 1992 to comply with DMRD 926J, which directed the consolidation of Army catalog assets into a single activity. The cataloging mission is now consolidated under the Defense Logistics Agency. Effective 1 June 1998, LOGSA completed the transfer of all related files to Battle Creek, MI. The Major Item Information Program (MIIP), a former directorate of the Systems Integration Management Activity (SIMA) East, Letterkenny Army Depot, was transferred to LOGSA effective 1 October 1993. The MIIP was added to LOGSA when the Department of Defense (DoD) directed the transfer of Central Design Activities from the services into a DoD agency. MIIP manages Class VII functional logistics data and asset visibility programs for the Army and is not a central design agency. LOGSA elements, less PSCC and MIIP, transferred to Redstone Arsenal during the summer of 1993. The MIIP followed in 1996. The PSCC remains at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

c. The vision for LOGSA is that of a single focal point for the distribution of logistics information. In the Army today, a soldier looking for logistics information often is required to access several data sources for information -- each data source with its own telephone number or address, password, and method of providing information back to the soldier. LOGSA, with the consolidation of the SRA's and databases, will allow the soldier single access to the data formerly managed by the individual SRA's. The LOGSA vision is to build the links to other required databases to provide the soldier single access to logistics databases across the Army. In the near term, the LOGSA challenge is to merge and integrate the approximately 60 individual data files managed by LOGSA into relational files, removing redundancies, and allowing easy access and update of logistics information.

2. Objectives. After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

a. List the primary mission of LOGSA.

b. Describe the databases and services LOGSA provides to retail/wholesale logistics managers and the ultimate customer.

3. Reference. LOGSA Pamphlet 700-1, Logistics Information: A Guide for Soldiers.

4. Products and Services. The following is an abbreviated list and review of the types of products and services provided by LOGSA.

a. **Army Total Asset Visibility (ATAV)**. ATAV is an information system, managed by LOGSA, providing a near-real-time picture of asset visibility for requirements determination, inventory and distribution, requisitioning, and contingency planning for logisticians and commanders. Databases accessed by ATAV provide visibility of assets throughout their life cycle—whether they are in distribution centers, in transit, or in the field. Access is available to asset posture for reportable items from wholesale CCSS down into retail through SARSS and SPBS-R, including authorization data from CBS-X, TAADS, APS, and Operational Projects and Equipment Release Priority System (ERPS). Intransit information is available for all classes of supply. ATAV also provides on-line access to AMDF and SB 700-20. Use of ATAV from terminal of PC requires a password issued by LOGSA and the Graphical User Interface (GUI) to provide a user-friendly environment and allows you to story query results on your PC. Assistance for obtaining a user ID and password can be obtained by contacting the "ATAV Help Desk" shown as POC below:

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b. **Logistics Intelligence File (LIF)**. The LIF is the Army's central database for supply and transportation pipeline information. A requisition from an Army unit or another service to the Army's national inventory control point will open a record in the LIF, with Military Standard Requisitioning and Issue Procedures supply and Military Standard Transportation and Movement Procedures transportation documentation providing additional information. Extracts are developed to meet the customer need for information from the LIF. The data are stratified to a particular Department of Defense activity address code, project code, national stock number, source of supply, or a particular data field stored in the LIF. Products are available on request and produced for electronic, tape, or hard copy. Information from the LIF is available to any level in the supply system. Information generally applicable to Direct Support System (DSS) reports includes individual DSS Activity Report for CONUS and overseas, Commander's Summary Report, and Performance Evaluation Report (RCS CSGLD 1557). A LOGSA password is required to access the LIF and may be obtained by contacting LOGSA.

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c. **ARMYLOG/FEDLOG**. ARMYLOG has been combined with FEDLOG to create the current integrated CD-ROM product. The new FEDLOG includes Army-unique files/data as well as service-unique requirements. The FEDLOG contains: Army Master Data File (AMDF); Standard Army Retail Supply Systems Catalog; Line Item Number (SB 700-20); Army Interchange and Substitutability (I&S); and many other data fields associated with the old ARMYLOG. Although FEDLOG is a Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) product, support for

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d. **Work Order Logistics File (WOLF)**. The WOLF is a database of Direct Support and General Support (DS&GS) maintenance actions and related information from active Army, National Guard, and activated Reserve units. Data sources include input from TO&E units' DA Form 2407; Maintenance Information Management System (MIMS); SAM-I/TDA at TDA activities; and selected ULLS data. WOLF data can be selected to get maintenance information on the total fleet, division, brigade, battalion, or separate unit. Reports include: total and average man-hours to repair; repair parts consumption and cost; reasons for maintenance actions; maintenance turn-around time; and other significant information. Reports may be used to project trends, compare performance to standards, view dollars spent, and determine repair time and parts as maintenance drivers.

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e. **Readiness Integrated Data Base (RIDB)**. The RIDB contains consolidated data from DA Forms 2406 (ground equipment), 1352 (aircraft), 3266-1) missiles, and the Army Materiel Status System (AMSS). The RIDB is used by all levels up through HQ DA staff to assess equipment readiness. This LOGSA product is available to users at all levels.

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f. **The Army Central Logistics Databank (ACLDB)**. The ACLDB is often viewed as an Army version of the Federal Logistics Information System (FLIS) databank at the Defense Logistics Services Center. In reality, the FLIS maintains only that Federal catalog data which is necessary for the identification and maintenance of National Item Identification Numbers (NIIN). The ACLDB, however, maintains up to 255 elements of logistics management data which are vital to the operation of the Army wholesale and retail logistics systems for each of the 1.3 million Army NIIN's. Of these, only 20 catalog management data elements plus the freight and packaging records are common with the FLIS.

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g. **Army Central Service Point**. The Army Central Service Point is the Department of the Army's executive agent for the assignment, maintenance, and processing of Department of Defense Activity Address Directory (DODAAD) data for the Army. It stores and maintains the Army's master file of all Department of Defense Activity Address Code (DODAAC) data to include other services.

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h. **Central Demand Database**. The Central Demand Database (CDDB) collects demands from the units below the Supply Support Activity (SSA) level and identifies those demands to a specific End Item Code (EIC) on request. The CDDB provides data for statistical analysis of demands. Wholesale item managers and others in need of statistical information may obtain a LOGSA password required to access the CDDB. Demands from the units below the SSA level that are identified to a specific EIC are transmitted to LOGSA through Defense Automated Addressing System. Demand history products are available by remote terminal query or on request. Typical reports are available on demand history by end item, Department of Defense Activity Address Code, National Stock Number, Source of Supply, Army/major commands/divisions, installations, and geographic areas.

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i. **The Hazardous Materials Data System (HMDS)**. The HMDS is a single integrated logistics database designed to meet the hazard classification requirements for Army managed or used National Stock Numbers (NSN). The HMDS is a segment of the Army Central Logistics Data Bank and has no interface with the Federal Logistics Information System. The system consists of five files, the Hazard Classification Data File and four System Support Record files. The data stored in these files provides transportation officers with the essential shipping information and facilitates movement of dangerous cargo in a safe and timely manner. Data are stored for radioactive explosives/other hazardous materials by NSN sequence. The sources of input are the transportation functional personnel of the Army Master Data File originators and the USAMC Logistics Support Activity Packaging, Storage, and Containerization Center at Tobyhanna, PA.

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j. **The Materiel Returns Database (MRDB)**. The MRDB provides logisticians with timely information on the retrograde (materiel returns) pipeline. The MRDB tracks returns from the field to receipt at the repair distribution center or the Defense Reutilization Marketing Service disposal point. The LOGSA products generally track the time taken to return materiel as well as the dollar value and quantities of materiel returned. The two primary LOGSA products to accomplish this tracking are Retrograde Intransit Visibility Reports and Recovery Improvement Program Reporting System. A LOGSA password is required to access the MRDB and may be obtained by contacting LOGSA, AMXLS-I, at DSN 645-0512, commercial (205) 955-0512.

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k. **PS Magazine**. The LOGSA publishes PS -- The Preventive Maintenance Monthly (TB 43-PS series). The PS is a DA technical bulletin published to provide maintenance and supply information to unit maintenance and supply personnel. All information is reviewed and approved by the agency or command responsible for the equipment, publication, or policy discussed. The PS provides the item managers and project/program managers a ready means to disseminate urgent maintenance or supply information and publication updates. All material in PS is written for the soldier. The informal writing and graphics have proven to be extremely effective in getting the attention of

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the reader, clarifying sometimes complex technical matter and enhancing the retention and recall rate of the material presented. Current distribution is approximately 120,000 copies a month to maintenance and supply offices worldwide.

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l. **Total Package Fielding (TPF) Coordinator's List**. LOGSA publishes the TPF Coordinator's List, which is a listing of points of contact within the Army and the Defense Logistics Agency for coordination of TPF actions. Because LOGSA updates this list twice yearly, it provides current information to both military and civilian personnel who are involved in TPF. It is available in hard copy.

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m. **Tracing-Diverting Shipments**. LOGSA provides customer assistance in locating shipments and diverting shipments to a new location or in changing the mode of shipment. Offices are located at Bayonne, NJ, and Oakland Army Base, CA. LOGSA will run Logistics Intelligence File inquiries into databases and make necessary calls to locate shipments. When requested, LOGSA can divert shipments, if necessary, from air to surface, surface to air, or to a new location and can trace or divert classified shipments.

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n. **Logistics Assistance Program (LAP)**. The U.S. Army Materiel Command's LAP has Logistics Assistance Offices (LAO's) all over the world providing maintenance and supply assistance to soldiers on AMC-furnished materiel. The LAO has Logistics Assistance Representatives (LAR's) who provide technical guidance necessary to resolve logistics problems; identify and report through channels all logistics functions that have an adverse impact upon weapon systems readiness; and provide a means to collect, correlate, assess, and disseminate logistics information required to respond to problems from the materiel or system users. The LAO's and LAR's provide a single Point of Contact (POC) for logistics assistance to improve and sustain the readiness of materiel systems and logistics support of active Army, National Guard, and Reserve Component forces. The LAP is detailed in AR 700-4, Logistics Assistance Program, and a list of the LAO's is in the latest Maintenance Management UPDATE.

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5. LOGSA Hotline.

a. LOGSA provides, in addition to the above, over 60 products and services to assist managers in improving supply, transportation, and maintenance operations throughout the logistics life cycle.

   b. Logistics managers have a wealth of information at their fingertips by calling toll free to the LOGSA 24 hour 7-days-a-week hotline at (800) 878-2869. The CONUS DSN number is 645-0499, commercial (256) 955-0499; Korea DSN number is 723-2575/3752; and Europe DSN number is 375-8888.

   c. The World-Wide Web Site is: http://www.logsa.army.mil.